A public recreation ground should be opened at Changanachery. The latest statement of Government on this subject was that the site of the present Travellers' Bungalow would be made available for the purpose as soon as a new Travellers' Bungalow or Camp-shed was constructed. The new Travellers' Bungalow should be built as soon as possible and the site of the present bungalow should be handed over to the Municipality free of cost for opening the recreation ground.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Pothan Philipose, as regards the progress of the canal from Alleppey to Changanachery, I have to refer you to my reply to a previous representation on the subject by another member. You now suggest certain alterations in the alignment of the canal. Your representation will be sent to the Chief Engineer for remarks.

As regards the opening of a direct road between Alleppey and Changanachery, as I mentioned already, it will be much too costly and therefore impracticable.

As for the canal through the Kusakudi Punja fields, the question was considered in the 24th session of the S. M. P. A. and the Dewan's reply was that it would cost enormously and that there was no need for the present for such a costly fourth canal to Changanachery which has already got three canals converging to it from three different directions.

As regards T. B., sanction has been accorded to the Chief Engineer for the construction of a new T. B. at a cost of Rs 6,000 or Rs. 7,000 and his estimate is awaited.

As for the appointment of a lady doctor in the Changanachery hospital, the Medical Board is of opinion that a lady doctor is very desirable for the hospital and the question will be taken up along with the question of the re-organisation of the Women's Medical Service.

As regards the opening of a branch of the State-aided Bank at Changanachery, it is a matter in which the Directors of the Bank have to move and when they do so, the Government will take necessary action.

For the provision of a public recreation ground it was suggested that the site of the present T. B. might be used. The authorities considered that the site was not suitable for the purpose. But now the president of the Municipality has written again to Government that a good recreation ground could be got there. The matter will receive the attention of Government.

98. Needs of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality.

MR. N. MANICKOM PILLAI (*Member, Municipal Council, Padmanabhapuram*) spoke on the following needs of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality:—

The outlet from the P. P. channel to the fort northern ward of the Padmanabhapuram municipality should be extended so as to reach the fort southern ward.

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A channel should be opened from the Thiruvithamcode channel through the Thuckalai northern ward to the Pirappancode tank in the Thuckalai southern ward. The tank should also be repaired.

The local satrom which was situated within the municipal limits should be transferred to the control of the municipality along with the budget allotment for its maintenance.

The grant awarded by Government to the municipality should be raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1000.

The Thiruvithamcode pakuthi should be included in the jurisdiction of the Padmanabhapuram municipality.

The municipal office should be shifted from Padmanabhapuram to Thuckalai, the site of the Present P. W. D. telephone office at the place being transferred to the municipality for the purpose. A loan of Rs 3,000 should also be granted to the municipality for building an office.

Toll-gates should be established at Puliyurkurichi and at the 34th mile, Main Central Road and tolls should be levied on the carts going to Kumaracoil and Melancode which were situated within the municipality.

The primary schools within the municipal limits should be transferred to the control of the municipality along with the funds allotted for them.

Arrangements should be made for the free supply of medicines to the municipality during out-breaks of epidemics.

A police out-post should be established within the Padmanabhapuram fort.

Arrack shops situated in the heart of the municipality should be removed to some place outside.

A veterinary hospital should be established at Thuckalai and also a village Anchal office.

An insurance section should be opened in the Padmanabhapuram Anchal office.

The public offices at Thuckalai, at least the Sub-registrar's office, should be shifted to Padmanabhapuram fort.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Manickam pillai, as regards the extension of the masonry outlet channel to the southern ward of the Padmanabhapuram municipality, the Chief Engineer is of opinion that the present masonry conduit is not in an efficient condition, that it is not possible to supply through it good water and that therefore its extension to the southern ward is not desirable.

For the construction of the channel mentioned by you an estimate has already been prepared and is undergoing scrutiny in the Executive Engineer's office. For the improvement of the Pirappancode tank also an estimate has been prepared and is under scrutiny.

The question of transferring satroms within municipal areas to municipalities has been engaging the attention of Government. After due consideration Government have decided. in 1928 as follows

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"After a careful consideration of the question in all its bearings, the Government consider that it is neither expedient nor necessary to make any change in the existing arrangement for the control and maintenance of the Government satroms in the State."

As regards the enhancement of the grant to the Municipality from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1000, it may be mentioned that Rs. 500 represents the maximum contribution that the Government have ever made for the smaller municipalities.

You press for the inclusion of Thiruvithancode within the municipal limits of Padmanabhapuram. Some years ago the municipality wrote that Thiruvithancode, Keralapuram and Kumarakoil might be included. The matter was reconsidered by the municipality and then they said that Kumaracoil alone need be included and in pursuance of their wish it was included. Now as regards the inclusion of Thiruvithancode no proposal has been received from the Municipality.

For the shifting of the municipal office from Padmanabhapuram to Thuckalai, it has been suggested that the telephone exchange office on the main southern road may be given for the municipal office. The Chief Engineer is agreeable to handing over the telephone office as soon as some accommodation is found for the P. W. D. Sub-Division office. The question as to where it should be located is under correspondence.

In regard to the establishment of toll-gates on the roads to Kumarakoil and Melancode, the views of Government are that where a municipality is not paying anything for the maintenance of roads, it cannot very well be allowed to establish toll gates and collect tolls.

As regards the transfer of primary schools within the municipal limits to the control of the municipality along with the funds therefor, the Government cannot very well agree to bearing all the charges on account of the schools and transferring them to the municipality. Your suggestion to transfer the schools to the municipality without that body taking any responsibility to meet the charges cannot commend itself to Government.

As regards the free supply of medicines to the municipality during outbreaks of epidemics, the financial condition of the municipality will be taken note of in a settlement of the question. If a municipality is poor and cannot afford to pay for the medicines, the Government, I dare say, will supply the medicines without charging for the same.

As regards the establishment of a police out-post inside the Padmanabhapuram Fort, the Police Commissioner has expressed the opinion that multiplication of out-posts is not a good thing on general grounds, when the subject was originally brought forward in the 22nd session of the Assembly, and Government supported his view. Now no new grounds have been adduced and the Commissioner of Police is of opinion that the question need not be considered.

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As regards the removal of arrack shops at Thuckalai, the Excise Commissioner is of opinion that indiscriminate closing of such shops may lead to clandestine sales. Government are taking steps to try local option within the Changanachery municipal town. The question of the closure of the shops in the other municipal areas may lie over till the result of the experiment at Changanachery is ascertained.

In regard to the establishment of a veterinary hospital at Thuckalai, Government have sanctioned the opening of a veterinary Hospital near the Monday Market at Eraniel. In view of that, the Director of Agriculture is of opinion that a separate veterinary hospital at Thuckalai is not necessary.

As regards the Village Anchal Office that you want at Thuckalai, the Anchal Superintendent says that Thuckalai has of late become a very important and busy centre and he has suggested that the Anchal Office at Padmanabhapuram may be shifted to Thuckalai. But seeing that there is no suitable building at Thuckalai to accommodate the Padmanabhapuram Anchal Office, the Anchal Superintendent has since written that the best thing would be to open a Departmental Anchal Office at Thuckalai with one of the clerks of the Padmanabhapuram Anchal Office as Master. This latter recommendation of the Anchal Superintendent will engage the attention of the Government.

In regard to the opening of an insurance section in the Padmanabhapuram Anchal Office, the insurance system was introduced at first in all the first grade Anchal Offices and is being gradually introduced in the second grade Anchal Offices also. The Anchal Superintendent considers that the time has not yet come to extend the system to offices of a lower grade.

In regard to the removal of the Sub-Registry Office from Thuckalai to Padmanabhapuram Fort, the Director of Registration is of opinion that everything considered, it is not feasible to remove the Sub-Registry Office from Thuckalai to Padmanabhapuram Fort.

99. Needs of the Shencotta Municipality.

MR. L. PUTARJUNA AIYAR (*Member, Municipal Council, Shencotta*) said that the people of Shencotta were suffering untold hardship for want of good drinking water, particularly in the hot season. Very often the paucity of good water resulted in the out-break of cholera and many lives were carried away by the epidemic. The schemes so far proposed for securing a good water-supply for the taluk were all found to be excessively costly. There was, however, a comparatively cheap means of achieving this object. This was by sinking two wells by the river-side, from which water could be lifted to a reservoir and distributed by means of pipes either to villages or to individual houses. Similar schemes were being worked with success in the towns of Madura, Chingleput etc. The cost of the scheme was sure not to exceed a lakh of rupees. But the municipality was too poor to incur this expenditure. Government should therefore contribute the amount either in whole or in part and in the latter case enable the

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